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SUBCOMMITTEE ON PRIORITIES AND ECONOMY IN GOVERNMENT  
OF THE  
JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Wednesday - 18 June 1975

Room 5302 Dirksen Senate Office Building

2:00 p. m.

Senator William Proxmire (D., Wis.), Chairman

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Conditional on the approval of Senator Proxmire and the DCI, we agreed that the Agency would appear before the Subcommittee some time in June and be prepared to brief on items 1, 2, and 4 of page 1 and 2 of Senator Proxmire's letter. The Agency would discuss question 3 in terms of dollar values of Soviet military expenditures and other aspects of question 3 not affected by the new information on Soviet military expenditures.

A rather long and involved conversation ensued with respect to the fourteen questions on pages 2, 3, and 4 of Proxmire's letter with the agreement to provide the committee staff with the written answers some time before the hearings on all questions except 3, 4, and 8. I said flatly that we could not respond to question 3 on both practical and bureaucratic grounds. Since question 4 involved Soviet GNP and the military share, I turned it down; we could provide estimates of projected expenditures in dollars for the next few years. I said that the monetary data for question 8 was just not available, but I agreed we could provide some background on Soviet practices with regard to prototypes and competitive designs through a few examples in missiles or aircraft.

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